(c) and (d) The rush of the patients is increasing but patients are attended to and given medical care. The upgradation of facilities in the Central Government hospitals is taken up each year within the overall availability of reasourccs. Measures have been initiated to improve the management of the hospitals.

Malnutrition

2419. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 250 million people are presently suffering from malnutrition in India;

(b) whether the children are the worst affected group by this malnutrition;

(c) whether the percentage of children afflicted by this malady is as high as S3; and

(d) whether Government are revising the existing schemes and providing substantially larger funds to ansure that this malady is aliminated by the year 2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) No survey has been conducted covering total population in the country.

(b) and (c) The surveys conducted by the National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau (NNMB) of Indian Council of Medical Research during 1991-92 in eight states have revealed that about 56 per cent of children aged 1-5 years are found to be suffering from moderate to sever malnutrition.

(d) The measures initiated / taken by the Government are:—

1. Subsidised/revamped public Distribution system in identified backward talukas;
2. Rural and Urban Poverty Alleviation employment programmes;
3. Nutritional supplimentation programmes such as Integrated Child Development Scheme /Special Nutrition Programme presenting Vitamin 'A' deficiency, iron and folic acid deficiency, midday meal programme for primary school childs health and nutrition education.

Treating Health-Care as Business

2420. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the Financial Express, New Delhi addition, of 1st August, 1995 under the caption "Health care should be treated as business" as suggested by Chairman of the Apollo Group;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to treat hospital entrepreneurs on the same footing as any other entrepreneur so as to enable them to become a major player in the $ 3 billion global health care business as well as translate the 'health care for all' slogan in the country into a reality; ind

(d) whether Government have cleared a Rs. 40 crores proposal by a British investment company to collaborate in health care?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The news-item refers to suggestions made relate to provision of industrial concessions to the establishment of hospitals also.

(c) The provision of health care services by the private sector is encouraged. Concession of various kinds are already available as extended by the State Government subject to the hospitals serving a public need and offering services to the poor.

(d) No details of such a proposal are available.

against hypothecation of stocks and ET&T stopped operation of these Accounts and opened several new bank accounts all over India;

(b) if so, the details of overdrafts taken from each bank as on 30th June, 1995 and the actual market value of hypothecated stocks alongwith new bank account numbers and reasons to open them;

(c) the details of interest paid to the banks on these overdrafts and the utilisation of funds during the last ten years; and

(d) what action Government are planning to take if ET&T fail to pay back, these overdrafts drawn from banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) ET&T has taken overdraft from banks against hypothecation of stocks but ET&T has not stopped operations of these accounts. ET&T has also opened new/operated existing current accounts with other banks all over India through their branch offices.

(b) The details of overdrafts from each bank as on 30.6.95 are as under:—

Punjab National Bank, Tropical building Connaught Place, New Delhi.	Rs. 11,29,33.910
Syndicate Bank, Dhaula Kuan	Rs. 11,85,32,977
Valuation of stocks as per last audited balance sheet as on 31.3.94	Rs. 18,81,78,888

New Bank accounts have been opened at various places whereev-sr ET&Ts Offices are located and these have been

opened for operational convenience. The details of accounts are given in the Statement (See below)

(c) the details of interest paid to the PNB and Syndicate Bank on overdraft during the last 10 years are as under:—

Year	Amount of overdraft interest (Rs)
1085-86	2,99,18.121
1986-87	86,29,454
1987-88	83,33,246
1988-89	1.00,52,669
1989-90	1,58,91,263
1990-91	1,93,74,038
1991-92	1,99,76.968
1992-93	1,6847,668
1993-94	24640,352
1994-95	3.73.31.106 (Unaudited)

The utilisation of overdraft fund during the last 10 years are as under:—

Year	Amount of utilisation of overdraft fund (Rs)
1985-86	11 ,28,68,407(inci.temporary hypothecation)
1986-87	11.66.06.780
1987-88	123247419
1988-89	15.1042482
1989-90	16.16,04.168
1990-91	9.76,86,676
1991-92	1243,41461
1992-93	7,85,01,402
1993-44	16,90,00438
1994-95	17.61,33,304 (Unaudited)

(d) ET&T plans to repay these overdrafts from its own operations. A financial restructing plan submitted by ET&T has also taken into account the repayment of banks overdrafts and is under consideration of the Government.